

Manufacturing Coalition supports *Bring Jobs Back to America Act*

*Rep. Wolf legislation would incentivize communities and companies to
keep high-wage jobs at home*

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Washington, D.C. – Legislation that would spur the creation of manufacturing jobs received an endorsement from the American Small Manufacturers Coalition.

Introduced by U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-Virginia), the ***Bring Jobs Back to America Act (H.R. 5980)*** would direct grant funding from the Department of Commerce to state and local governments to incentivize the repatriation of jobs.

“Manufacturers – particularly small and mid-sized producers – are at a crossroads,” said Sandy Johnson, Chairman of the American Small Manufacturers Coalition (ASMC), an association of non-profit manufacturing assistance organizations who advocate for federal policies to facilitate the growth of the U.S. manufacturing sector. “We applaud Congressman Wolf’s interest in ensuring that manufacturers have all of the resources available to them to compete and win in this country.”

Wolf’s legislation would also require Commerce officials to serve on Repatriation Task Forces to support efforts of state and local economic development agencies to attract foreign jobs. Additionally, it would direct the Treasury to study the merits of a repatriation tax incentive to lower the barriers to entry back to the U.S. job market. The bill would also reconstitute President Ronald Reagan’s “Project Socrates” to identify key emerging technologies and would provide stronger protections for American intellectual property.

“Manufacturers in this country can produce any product and are fully capable meeting all their customers’ needs, while also achieving the highest levels of productivity and efficiency,” Johnson said. “More production here means more jobs here.”

ASMC represents the 59 affiliate centers of the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP). These non-profit organizations are on the front lines of economic recovery, reaching out to manufacturers throughout the country, providing them with best practice solutions to improve productivity and create jobs.

A recent ASMC study indicated that more than a quarter of American manufacturers – more than 90,000 businesses representing 1.5 million manufacturing jobs – are at risk because they are not performing at or near acceptable levels in any of six areas considered critical to success as a next-generation manufacturer.